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Reference: In the matter of a request by ProNet Inc. for  
grant for a Pioneer's Preference for its  
Electronic Tracking Service

File # PP-23, RM-7784

Dear Ms. Searcy:

The Huntington Beach Police Department hereby submits its  
comments in support of the above referenced request for a  
Pioneers Preference filed by ProNet Inc.


1. The Huntington Beach Police Department provides law enforcement services for a southern California city of 182,000 persons and a summer time population that can sometimes be triple that figure. The police department utilizes the Electronic Tracking System and is interested in maintaining and retaining this crime fighting tool.
2. The Huntington Beach Police Department has been utilizing the Electronic Tracking System since 1989. During this time, use of the system has resulted in the tracking and capture of several robbery suspects who were fleeing from crimes they had just committed. These timely captures also allowed for the recovery of the property that had been stolen.
3. The Huntington Beach Police Department is familiar with ProNet's request and its petition for rulemaking to provide permanent spectrum in the 215-220 MHz band for

ETS, and to authorize ETS to operate under the Business Radio Service rules. We fully support this request.

The Huntington Beach Police Department supports the grant of a pioneer's preference to ProNet because it offers a unique crime fighting tool that is unavailable through any other media. In the situations cited above, these arrests would have been impossible without a system such as ETS because of incomplete descriptions of vehicles and suspects as well as a specific direction of travel. The ETS system allows police officers to capture a signal and track it to a point of arrest. Because suspects are captured shortly after the crime is committed and with the stolen property in their possession, subsequent prosecution is enhanced and almost a certainty.

Although firm supportive data is unavailable, we have reason to believe the system has become a deterrent to some crimes, particularly institutional robbery, and we have found that perpetrators are now looking for signs of a signaling device when they commit such crimes. If the failure to grant ETS a permanent spectrum results in some change or loss of that service, our agency, the community and law enforcement in general will have lost a unique and effective crime fighting tool.

Sincerely,

  
Ronald E. Lovenberg  
Chief of Police

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JOHN MORAN, SHERIFF

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a Pioneer's Preference for its Electronic Tracking Service.

File #PP-23, RM-7784

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department hereby submits its  
comments in support of the above reference Request for a Pioneer's  
Preference filed by ProNet Inc.

I have been assigned to the Robbery Detail of the Detective Bureau  
for over three and one half years. This department has utilized  
the ProNet tracking system since 1984. This Department and its  
community would support the request by ProNet for a grant for a  
Pioneer's Preference since this system has greatly contributed to  
the arrest of many bank robbers in this area.

ProNet has demonstrated continued professionalism in providing what  
I believe to be the most productive security system available to  
the banking industry. Each year our apprehension rate approaches  
or exceeds the 90% mark and this is due largely to the ProNet  
system. Additionally, with these apprehensions, monetary recovery  
is in the tens of thousands of dollars.

This Department is familiar with ProNet's request and its Petition  
for Rulemaking to provide permanent spectrum in the 216-220 MHz  
band for ETS and to authorize ETS to operate under the Business  
Radio Service rules and that we fully support this request.



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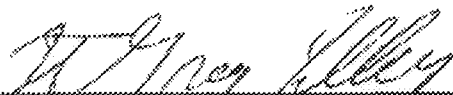
The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department supports the grant of a Pioneer's Preference (and Rulemaking) to ProNet because it is a critical Law Enforcement tool to the capture of active robbery suspects in the community. It is estimated that the average robbery suspect commits at least five to seven robberies; therefore, each suspect that is taken into custody is a significant factor in the reduction of future robberies. Additionally, this system affords us the opportunity to capture suspects relatively soon after the commission of the crime where physical evidence and recovered cash is found on the suspect. This often leads to confessions and significantly higher conviction rates which further assist in keeping these suspects off the streets.

In my opinion this is the only technology ever to have this much impact on the capture of robbery suspects. This is the major reason our apprehension rate is the or among the highest in the nation.

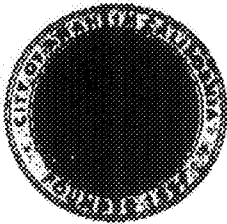
If ETS (ProNet) is not provided permanent spectrum and is not granted a Pioneer's Preference, it is felt that the existence of this system would be in a great jeopardy if for some reason they were not permitted to use this frequency. The results of not having this system in this area, to say the least, would be detrimental to the efforts of Law Enforcement and this community.

Respectfully,

John Moran, Sheriff

  
By: Greg Jolley, Lieutenant  
Crimes Against Person Section

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RE: In the matter of a request by ProNet Inc. for grant of a  
Pioneer's Preference for its Electronic Tracking Service

File #PP-23, RM-7784

Dear Ms. Searcy:

The Anaheim Police Department hereby submits its Comments in Support of the above referenced Request for a Pioneer's Preference filed by ProNet Inc.

As the Chief of the Anaheim Police Department, I wish to express my support in ProNet Inc.'s bid for a Pioneer's Preference grant for its Electronic Tracking System.

The Anaheim Police Department entered into a contract with ProNet in May of 1989. ProNet's Electronic Tracking System has proven to be of great assistance to us in locating and arresting fleeing bank robbers.

I am familiar with ProNet's Request and their Petition for Rulemaking to provide permanent spectrum in the 216-220 MHz band for ETS, and to authorize ETS to operate under the Business Radio Service rules and we fully support this request.

The Anaheim Police Department supports the grant of a Pioneer's Preference (and Rulemaking) to ProNet because they have a proven track record in providing innovative technology which assists us in the fight against serious crime.

Based on the Tracking System's record, it is clear that a grant of a Pioneer's Preference for permanent licensed operation of this sophisticated tracking technology will facilitate crime prevention significantly and thus will serve the public interest.

Sincerely,

  
JOSEPH T. MOLLOY  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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**City of Phoenix**  
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REFERENCE: The matter of a request by Pro-Net, Inc. for grant of a Pioneer's  
Preference for its Electronic Tracking Service  
File #PP-23, RM-7784

Dear Ms. Searcy:

The City of Phoenix Police Department hereby submits its comments in support of the  
above-referenced Request for a Pioneer's Preference filed by Pro-Net, Inc.

City of Phoenix, Arizona Police Department is a major municipal police department  
which is experiencing an increase in major crimes, including armed robberies of finan-  
cial institutions. In an effort to curb the increase in robberies and improve the  
likelihood of apprehensions of the perpetrators, Pro-Net, Inc. was contacted to pro-  
vide electronic tracking equipment designed for this purpose.

Since the initial installation of the Pro-Net tracking service in a limited area of the  
Phoenix City limits in February, 1991, twelve bank robbery arrests have been directly  
attributed to the tracking system, and over \$32,000 has been recovered.

We are familiar with Pro-Net's request and its Petition for Rulemaking to provide per-  
manent spectrum in the 216-220MHz band for ETS. We fully support this request and their  
request to operate under the Business Radio Service Rules.

The Electronic Tracking service has proven to be a beneficial, if not critical, law en-  
forcement tool in our community. Bank robbery suspects that have previously been suc-  
cessful in evading detection are now susceptible to apprehension much sooner and with  
less hazard to citizens and law enforcement officers than ever before.

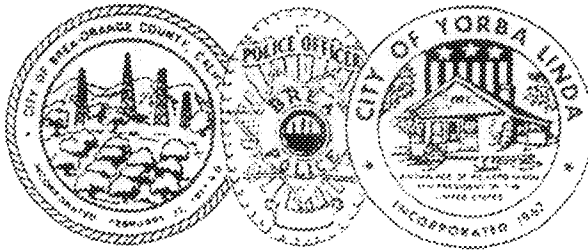
We fully support ETS' request for permanent spectrum and a Pioneer's Preference.

Sincerely,

DENNIS A. GARRETT  
Police Chief

*Lyle H. Rodabough*  
LYLE H. RODABOUGH, Captain  
General Investigations Bureau

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# The CITY of BREA Police Department

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IN THE MATTER OF A REQUEST BY PRONET INC. FOR GRANT OF A PIONEER'S  
PREFERENCE FOR ITS ELECTRONIC TRACKING SYSTEM (ETS)  
FILE #PP-23, RM-7784

The Brea Police Department hereby submits its comments in support of the  
above-referenced request of Pioneer's Preference filed by ProNet Inc.

1 The Brea Police Department is a municipal law enforcement agency that  
provides law enforcement services for both the communities of Brea, and  
Yorba Linda in the northwest portion of Orange County, California. We  
provide services for approximately 90,000 residences.

2 ProNet has contracted with several financial institutions in both the  
cities of Brea and Yorba Linda for their Electronic Tracking System for  
over two years. The Brea Police Department has been involved in several  
captures of suspects of armed robberies of these institutions during that  
time period. The most significant; occurring on August 27, 1991, where a  
Bank of America branch was robbed at approximately 4:00 PM. With the use  
of the Anaheim Police Department's helicopter and ground units from our  
agency and surrounding cities, the vehicle was tracked for over 1 hour and  
15 minutes, through rush hour Friday evening traffic in the Los Angeles  
metropolitan basin. The vehicle was finally stopped and suspects were  
arrested with complete recovery. If it had not been for ETS that date, we  
believe, that this case would not have been cleared. With the use of the  
electronic tracking system, we were able to follow and track the vehicle  
and no innocent bystanders were injured during a high speed police pursuit.


3 We are familiar with ProNet's request and its petition for Rulemaking  
to provide a permanent spectrum in the 216-220 MHz band for ETS and to  
authorize ETS to operate under the business radio service rules, and we  
fully support this request. We believe this will enhance our ability to  
provide service to our business community, not only banking institutions,  
but also jewelry stores.

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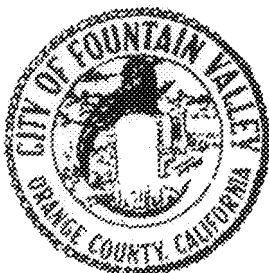
4 The Brea Police Department supports the grant of a Pioneer's Preference and rule making to ProNet because:

- (a) We believe, it is a critical enforcement tool for law enforcement that is not currently available by any other company. It allows us to track robbery suspects and attempts to apprehend in a safer location, rather than responding directly into a crime scene and possibly having a barricade situation take place.
- (b) With the institutions in our community that have been the victims of a robberies since the installation of ETS, the apprehension rate is significantly higher than it is with institutions in our community that are not equipped with ProNet ETS.
- (c) I am unaware of another system that is available for jewelry stores or financial institutions to use that allows law enforcement to track a suspect once a robbery has occurred. To my knowledge, ProNet is the only company that provides this type of service.
- (d) If ProNet ETS is not provided a permanent spectrum, and is not granted a Pioneer's Preference, and is subsequently unable to provide this service to institutions within our community, I believe it could create the potential for more hostage situations, lower the apprehension rate of suspects and decrease the recovery rate of stolen property, along with potential for injury of innocent people during a high speed vehicle pursuit.

  
D. L. FORKUS, CHIEF OF POLICE  
BREA POLICE DEPARTMENT

cc: Reading File  
Subject File  
Sergeant Gary M. Drlik





## CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY

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File # PP-23, RM-7784

Dear Ms. Searcy:

The Fountain Valley Police Department hereby submits its comments in support of the above referenced request for a Pioneer's Preference filed by Pro Net Inc.

1. The Fountain Valley Police Department is a municipal police department located in Orange County, California. The service provided by Pro Net Inc., in particular, the Electronic Tracking Service has proven to be an extremely valuable tool for law enforcement in the apprehension of criminals.

Our department has been involved with Pro Net Inc., since 1989 and have been involved in the capture of several suspects that have been involved in bank robberies. We have also been able to recover the loss in some of these cases.

We are familiar with Pro Net's request and it's Petition for Rulemaking to provide permanent spectrum in the 216-220 MHz band for ETS, and to authorize ETS to operate under the Business Radio Service rules and that we fully support this request.

The Fountain Valley Police Department supports the grant of a Pioneer's Preference, and Rulemaking to Pro Net because:

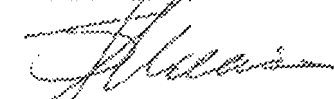
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TO KEEP KIDS OFF DRUGS.

It is a critical law enforcement tool in the apprehension of criminals and the recovery of property. It has also allowed law enforcement the ability to not only apprehend suspects and recover property, but to substantially increase our conviction rate.

This system is unique in that it is the one of it's type which allows law enforcement to effectively track and apprehend suspects immediately after a crime has been committed. Thus allowing us to recover victims property before the suspect has had the time to dispose of it.

The loss of this valuable tool would be a great loss to law enforcement in the Southern California area. Due to our population, and access to freeway systems, a suspect has the ability to rapidly escape. This system affords us the jump we need to apprehend suspects, recover property and convict the guilty parties.

Sincerely,



Detective Steve Williams  
Mountain Valley Police Department  
Robbery/Homicide Division

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY****SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**Glen Craig  
Sheriff**

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REFERENCE: Request by PRONET, INC., for grant of a Pioneer's Preference for its Electronic Tracking Service

FILE: #PP-23, RM7784

Dear Ms. Searcy,

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department hereby submits its positive comments in support of ProNet's Electronic Tracking Service and their request for a Pioneer's Preference filed by ProNet, Inc.

As a California public law enforcement agency, we do not endorse any specific or particular product. However, the Sacramento Sheriff's Department has utilized ProNet's Electronic Tracking System, with positive results, enabling numerous cases to be cleared and solved which would have been difficult otherwise.

Since 1985, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department has contracted with ProNet, Inc. During this time, ProNet, Inc., has provided equipment, maintenance and repairs, as well as training for departmental personnel who utilize the system. The ProNet Electronic Tracking System has substantially increased the capture rate of numerous felons and career criminals; as well as recover an unsurmountable amount of victim's property.

The Sacramento Sheriff's Department is familiar with ProNet's request and its petition for Rulemaking to provide permanent spectrum in the 216-220 MHz band for ETS, and to authorize ETS to operate under the Business Radio Service rules and we fully support this request.

The Pioneer's Preference (and Rulemaking) grant to ProNet, Inc., is supported by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department for the following reasons:

The E.T.S. System is utilized by the Sacramento Sheriff's Department for pro active enforcement in the area of business burglaries, vehicle burglaries and most importantly bank robberies. Robberies always involve human victims, and the E.T.S. System allows for the suspect to leave the scene without confronting employees or being forced into hostage situations.

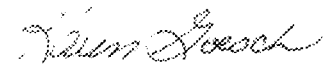
The Electronic Tracking System has provided the Sacramento Sheriff's Department with an overall capture rate of 74%, which includes all of its present applications (1991 Statistical information).

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The innovative technology involved with the Electronic Tracking System has been imperative to the success of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department with regard for protecting lives, and apprehending criminals throughout Sacramento County.

Sincerely,

GLEN CRAIG, SHERIFF



Karen Goesch,  
Sheriff's E.T.S. Coordinator  
Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept.

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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Re: Request by PRONET, Inc. for Grant of a Pioneer's  
Preference for its Electronic Tracking Service

Dear Ms. Searcy:

The Robbery Apprehension Team (R.A.T.) of the San Francisco Police Department hereby submits its comments in support of the above referenced request for a Pioneer's preference filed by PRONET, Inc.

I am the Coordinator of the Robbery Apprehension Team, and have been so, for over six years. The team works on bank robbers and have been a team since 1981. At any given time, the team responds to 1 or 2 bank robberies a day. We are interested in the grant since the system has helped us keep the bank robbery rate down. Before the system came to our city, the rate of robbery were going over 300 for the year and at that time, banks were only open Monday to Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The banks here are now open everyday, from 7:00 to 7:00 pm. Last year, we had 158 for the year and as of this letter, we have had 4 bank robberies for the year. This leaves our team cars to work on other crimes (32 cars).

We have had a good relationship with PRONET, since they took over the system from Texas Instruments. We are also working together to improve the system and to use it for other types of crimes: kidnapping, auto boosting, extortion, etc. Just on one case alone, we were able to recover \$64,000.00 taken from a bank in just 30 minutes. As of this date, we have made almost 250 captures, with 100% conviction rate.

We are familiar with PRONET's request and its petition for rule making to provide permanent spectrum in the 216-220 mhz band for E.T.S., and authorize E.T.S. to operate under the business radio service rules and that we fully support this request.

The Robbery Apprehension Team of the San Francisco Police Department supports the grant of a Pioneer's preference (and rule making) to PRONET because of the following reasons:

1. The system is a critical law enforcement tool that works 24 hours a day, providing a service to the public, enabling the Police Department to make arrest away from the bank or business, less endangering the public as well.

To: Ms. Donna R. Searcy  
From: Officer Richard Alves  
Subject: Request by PRONET, Inc. for Grant...

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2. I believe that due to the large amount of arrests the second half of the year, we are seeing a very low rate of robberies this year.
3. We think that the technology is unique, innovative and are still finding new application for its use.
4. The impact of the team would be putting us back to the dark ages, if PRONET was unable to provide us with the tools that they now provide.

Sincerely,



**OFFICER RICHARD G. ALVES**

Coordinator

Robbery Apprehension Team (R.A.T.)

San Francisco Police Department

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## CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

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REF: In the matter of a request by ProNet, Inc. for grant of a Pioneer's Preference for its Electronic Tracking Service. FILE# PP-23, ROOM-7784

Dear Ms. Scarcy,

The San Clemente Police Department hereby submits its comments in support of the above referenced request for a Pioneer's Preference filed by ProNet, Inc.

The San Clemente Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency for a city of 42,000 people, located on the pacific coastline of California, halfway between Los Angeles and San Diego. The Department has been in existence for over 60 years and presently has a total of 72 full-time employees.

For the past two years, as the Communications Chairman for the Orange County Police Chief's and Sheriff's Association, I have been in contact via mail, telephone and in person with both the President, Mr. David Vucina and Vice President, Mr. Larry Joy. We have dealt with keeping a vital tool for law enforcement to remain here in Orange County. In 1990 the County, through the use of the electronic tracking system, accounted for 15 bank robbery arrests and 5 arrests for jewelry store robberies. In 1990, there was a total recovery of \$1.2 million. In 1991, we saw 20 bank robbers arrested and 3 jewelry store bandits arrested. In 1991, there was a total recovery of \$773,000.00.

As a Police Chief, I am familiar with ProNet's request and fully support its petition for rule making to provide permanent spectrum in the 216-220 MHZ Band for ETS, and to authorize ETS to operate under the business radio service rules. We certainly do not want other radio traffic or similar systems to operate too close to the ETS Band. This Band needs to be kept clear and concise so that we can continue to capture these robbery suspects.

The San Clemente Police Department supports the grant of a Pioneer's Preference (and rulemaking) to ProNet because:

- a. It is a critical law enforcement tool to enable us to capture career criminals and place them in prison.
- b. The system will eventually pay for itself and will increase apprehensions and drive up our conviction rates.
- c. This tool is by far the best one we have in Orange County, to assist us in the capture of bank robbers. According to the Orange County Register Newspaper of February 18, 1992, the Federal Bureau of Investigations lists Orange County as third in the Nation for total number of bank robberies in 1991. Statistics show Orange County with 392, to be below only the cities of Los Angeles and New York City respectfully.
- d. If the ETS is not provided permanent spectrum and is not granted a Pioneer's Preference as previously stated, it will greatly hamper our ability for apprehension and conviction of career criminals.

Sincerely,

  
Albert C. Ehlow  
**CHIEF OF POLICE**

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# CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

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File #: PP-23, RM-7784

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Los Alamitos Police Department hereby submits its comments in support of the above  
referenced Request for a Pioneer's Preference filed by ProNet, Inc.

1. I represent the Los Alamitos Police Department, one of Orange County's  
smaller police agencies.
2. The Los Alamitos Police Department was one of the first Orange County  
law enforcement agencies to receive the Electronic Tracking System (ETS)  
currently produced by ProNet. To the best of my knowledge, we were also  
the first agency in Orange County to make an arrest after a robbery and  
activation.
3. I am familiar with ProNet's request and its petition for rulemaking to provide  
permanent spectrum in the 216-220 MHz band for ETS, and to authorize ETS  
to operate under the Business Radio Service Rules and that we fully support  
this request.

4. The Los Alamitos Police Department supports the grant of a Pioneer's Preference (and rulemaking) to ProNet because:
- a. It has been proven to be a very effective law enforcement tool.
  - b. Although we do not have any current arrest statistics, we know from contacts with other Orange County and nearby Los Angeles County law enforcement agencies that the ETS System is considered very effective in both deterring the crime of robbery and enhancing the arrest of the perpetrators.
  - c. We consider ETS to be a unique and innovative technology and are not aware of anything comparable on the market as of yet.
  - d. We would hope that ETS is provided a permanent spectrum and is granted a Pioneer's Preference. This will encourage other technological development in other public arenas if pioneers can truly be rewarded for their original efforts in fields that quickly get copied.

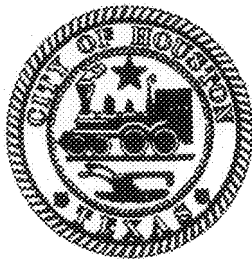
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LOS ALAMITOS POLICE DEPARTMENT



JIM GUESS, Chief of Police

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Bob Lanier, Mayor

# CITY OF HOUSTON

Houston Police Department

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Dear Ms Searcy;

The Houston Police Department hereby submits its comments in support of the above referenced Request for a Pioneer's Preference filed by ProNet Inc.

The City of Houston, Texas, Police Department is as experiencing a cooperative working relationship with ProNet Inc. in the operation of their "Electronic Tracking System". A system that ProNet Inc. installed and maintains in the City of Houston, Texas. The design and purpose of this system is to aid law enforcement agencies in the apprehension of robbery suspects immediately following the commission of their crimes.

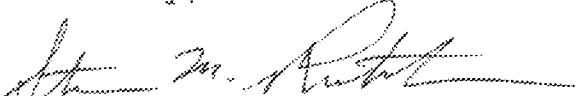
ProNet's Electronic Tracking System went on line in Houston on July 1st, 1990. Since that time the system has been instrumental in the apprehension of twelve individuals, the clearance of twenty six felony crimes, and the recovery of over \$46,000 in stolen money.



The Houston Police Department is familiar with ProNet's Request and its Petition for Rulemaking to provide permanent spectrum in the 216-220 MHz band for E.T.S., and to authorize E.T.S. to operate under the Business Radio Service rules and that we fully support this request.

The Houston Police Department supports the grant of a Pioneer's Preference (and Rulemaking) to ProNet, because the E.T.S. system is a vital tool to this department. The ProNet system provides the City of Houston with a "high tech" crime fighting aid, at minimal cost, that the city might not otherwise be able to obtain on its own. If ProNet is not granted this Pioneer's Preference it could have a negative impact on this department's ability to combat our ever increasing incidence of violent crime.

Sincerely,



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Robbery Division  
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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PHILIP A. GOEHRING CHIEF OF POLICE

February 20, 1992

Ms. Donna R. Searcy  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street N.W., Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Reference: In the matter of a request by ProNet Inc. for grant of a Pioneer's Preference for its Electronic Tracking Service.

File # PP-23, RM-7784

Dear Ms Searcy:

As Chief of Police for the City of Fullerton I hereby submit these comments in support of the above reference request for a Pioneer's Preference filed by ProNet Inc.

The Fullerton Police Department is a municipal police agency serving a population of 115,000 citizens in the fifth largest county in the United States. We have had a relationship with ProNet in the form of the Electronic Tracking Service in local banks since February 1990.

Since its inception we have apprehended only one bank robbery suspect who robbed a Fullerton bank by means of the ETS methodology. However, we are in a metropolitan area of approximately 2 million citizens and have on numerous occasions apprehended or assisted in the apprehension of bank robbery suspects from other jurisdictions similarly equipped with ETS.

I am familiar with ProNet's request and its Petition for Rulemaking to provide permanent spectrum in the 216-220 MHz band for ETS, and to authorize ETS to operate under the Business Radio Service rules and that we fully support this request.

The Fullerton Police Department supports the grant of a Pioneer's Preference (and Rulemaking) to ProNet because:

- a. ETS has proven to be a valid law enforcement tool in the apprehension of armed and dangerous criminals within minutes after the completion of a crime.

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- b. This technology has been our first experience with an electronic means of locating criminals fleeing the scene of a crime and has been very effective in its application.
- c. If ProNet were to be denied the Pioneer's Preference it would certainly remove a valuable and effective tool we now enjoy in the apprehension of dangerous criminals.

Very truly yours,



PHILIP A. GOEHRING  
Chief of Police



CITY OF DALLAS

February 28, 1992

Ms. Donna Searcy  
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REFERENCE: IN THE MATTER OF A REQUEST BY PRONET INC. FOR GRANT OF A  
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FILE #PP-23, RM-7784

Dear Ms. Searcy:

The Dallas Police Department wishes to voice its support of the petition submitted by Pro Net Inc. for the permanent provision of an Electronic Tracking Services (ETS) within the rules and provisions of the FCC. The Dallas Police Department as well as the Metroplex surrounding Dallas needs the technology that the Tracking system provides. This vital law enforcement monitoring and tracking service enables us to promote safety of life and property through the expanded use of radio communications for crime control and prevention.

We became involved with ETS and the Electronic Tracking System in August 1987 and found it to be a valuable tool in law enforcement. Specifically, our organization has had experience with ETS in the area of financial institution robberies, where the Electronic Tracking System has resulted in the apprehension and subsequent conviction of the felony robbery suspect, under circumstances that typically would result in the robber getting away.

The Dallas Police Department is aware of Pronet's Request and its Petition for Rulemaking to provide permanent spectrum in the 216-220 MHz band for ETS, and to authorize ETS to operate under the Business Radio Service rules and we fully support this request.

The Electronic Tracking System allows the user police departments the advantage of making the arrest away from the location of the offense. This has led to increased personal safety for financial institution customers and employees, police officers, and the citizens of our community.

A specific case where the Electronic Tracking System was particularly useful to us was the arrest of Mark Reeves aka: "The Dapper Bandit" who had been robbing banks in Texas for nine (9) years. In addition, in 1991 we recovered over \$196,000.00 taken from financial institutions that would not have been recovered without ETS.

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The Dallas Police Department supports the granting of a Pioneer's Preference (and Rulemaking) to ProNet Inc.

If you need additional information from me, do not hesitate to call. The liaison officer for the Dallas Police Department for this project is Sergeant James W. Andrews, phone 214-670-5146.

Sincerely,

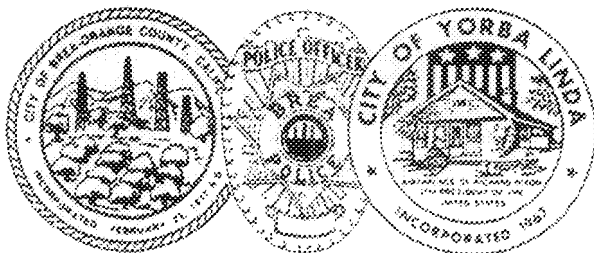
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# The CITY of BREA Police Department

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PREFERENCE FOR ITS ELECTRONIC TRACKING SYSTEM (ETS)  
FILE #PP-23, RM-7784

The Brea Police Department hereby submits its comments in support of the above-referenced request of Pioneer's Preference filed by ProNet Inc.

1 The Brea Police Department is a municipal law enforcement agency that provides law enforcement services for both the communities of Brea, and Yorba Linda in the northwest portion of Orange County, California. We provide services for approximately 90,000 residences.

2 ProNet has contracted with several financial institutions in both the cities of Brea and Yorba Linda for their Electronic Tracking System for over two years. The Brea Police Department has been involved in several captures of suspects of armed robberies of these institutions during that time period. The most significant; occurring on August 27, 1991, where a Bank of America branch was robbed at approximately 4:00 PM. With the use of the Anaheim Police Department's helicopter and ground units from our agency and surrounding cities, the vehicle was tracked for over 1 hour and 15 minutes, through rush hour Friday evening traffic in the Los Angeles metropolitan basin. The vehicle was finally stopped and suspects were arrested with complete recovery. If it had not been for ETS that date, we believe, that this case would not have been cleared. With the use of the electronic tracking system, we were able to follow and track the vehicle and no innocent bystanders were injured during a high speed police pursuit.

3 We are familiar with ProNet's request and its petition for Rulemaking to provide a permanent spectrum in the 216-220 MHz band for ETS and to authorize ETS to operate under the business radio service rules, and we fully support this request. We believe this will enhance our ability to provide service to our business community, not only banking institutions, but also jewelry stores.

*Serving the Cities of BREA and YORBA LINDA*